

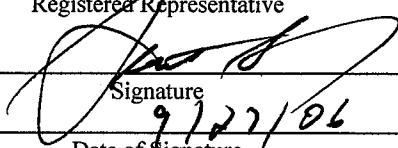
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For: A METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A)
TUNNELING MAGNETORESISTIVE ELEMENT)

Response to Office Action

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 28, 2006, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.